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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 13, 2002

APPLICATION OF

MARYLAND GAS & ELECTRIC, LTD.,  
T/A OPERATORS ENERGY SERVICES, LLP

CASE NO. PUE-2002-00420

For a license to conduct  
business as a natural gas  
competitive service provider

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On August 1, 2002, Maryland Gas & Electric, Ltd., t/a Operators Energy Services, LLP ("Maryland Gas" or "the Company"), filed an application with the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a license to provide competitive natural gas services. This application seeks authority to serve residential, commercial, and industrial customers in the natural gas retail access program of Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL"). The Company attested that it would abide by all applicable regulations of the Commission as required by 20 VAC 5-312-40 B.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of Maryland Gas' application for a natural gas license, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that Maryland Gas' application should be docketed; that the Commission Staff should conduct an investigation into the reasonableness of the request to become licensed as a

competitive service provider for natural gas and present its findings in a Staff Report; that this Order should be served upon appropriate persons; and that these persons should have an opportunity to comment on Maryland Gas' application.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This application shall be docketed and assigned Case No. PUE-2002-00420.

(2) A copy of the application and supporting documents shall be made available for public inspection in the Commission's Document Control Center, located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, during the Commission's regular hours of operation, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(3) On or before August 22, 2002, Maryland Gas shall serve a copy of this Order on WGL, attention Donald R. Hayes, Esquire, 1100 H Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20080.

(4) On or before August 26, 2002, the Company shall file with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P. O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118 proof of the notice required in Ordering Paragraph (3) herein.

(5) Any interested person may request a copy of the application, accompanying materials, and this Order by directing

a request in writing to the Company, c/o J. Hollis B. Albert III, President, Maryland Gas & Electric, Ltd., t/a Operators Energy Services, LLP, 1601 West 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21211. The Company shall, within three (3) days of receipt of the request, serve the requested documents upon the person making such request.

(6) An original and fifteen (15) copies of any comments on the application shall be filed by any interested party on or before September 3, 2002, with the Clerk of the Commission at the address identified in Ordering Paragraph (4). Comments must refer to Case No. PUE-2002-00420. A copy of such comments must also be served on or before September 3, 2002, by first-class mail, or hand-delivered, to the Company, c/o J. Hollis B. Albert III, President, at the address identified in Ordering Paragraph (5).

(7) The Commission Staff shall analyze the reasonableness of Maryland Gas' application and shall present its findings in a Staff Report to be filed on or before September 4, 2002.

(8) On or before September 10, 2002, the Company shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies and any response it may have to the Staff Report.

(9) The Company shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within five (5) calendar days after the receipt of the same. Interrogatories and data requests, as well as the

responses thereto, shall be transmitted via facsimile as well as by first-class mail. Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10, et seq.

(10) This matter shall be continued generally.